

Application No.: 09/725,354

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d.) Remarks

Claims 1, 2, 3, 5-16, and 18-26 are pending. Claims 1, 5, 7, 13-16, and 18-26 have been amended. Claims 4 and 17 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 14-26 were rejected for being indefinite. Relative to claim 14, the preamble has been amended to "An alignment system" to hopefully avoid the rejection. The antecedent basis problem in claim 17 has been corrected in the process of adding the subject matter to claim 14.

The prior art rejections in view of the Taylor, *et al.* and Liao, *et al.* references are avoided by the inclusion of the subject matter of claim 4 and 17 into claims 1 and 14, respectively, to expedite issuance of the application.

Claims 13 and 26 have been amended to an independent format.

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. Should any questions arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

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